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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN TARIFF

REF:(A) BONN 8426 (DTG 161725Z MAY 77)
(B) STATE 125251 (DTG 312203Z MAY 77)

1. WE AGREE THAT FORMAL REPLY MUST BE MADE TO THE
SOVIET APPROACH OF APRIL 5. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER
NOT TO LOCK OURSELVES INTO A POSITION BY MEANS OF A
DETAILED WRITTEN RESPONSE. WE WOULD RATHER MAKE THE
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POINTS RECOMMENDED BY THE BONN GROUP ORALLY,
WITH AN ACCOMPANYING NON-PAPER THAT WOULD CATALOG THE
REFERENCES TO THE QUADRIpartite DOCUMENTS ON WHICH WE
ARE BASING OUR POSITION AND WOULD THEREBY ENSURE
ACCURATE SOVIET REPORTING OF THIS POSITION.

2. PRIOR TO REACHING THIS CONCLUSION WE ATTEMPTED

THE SORT OF DRAFT PROPOSED BY THE BONN GROUP. WE FOUND THAT THIS INTRICATE SUBJECT LENT ITSELF TO LENGTHY AND COMPLICATED ARGUMENTATION. TO PUT SUCH ARGUMENTATION IN A DOCUMENT COULD LEAD TO PROLONGED, UNNECESSARY WRANGLING WITH THE SOVIETS.

3. IN PLACE OF THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR A RESPONSE IN WRITING, THE BRITISH HERE HAVE SUGGESTED A FOLLOWING SHORT ORAL STATEMENT FOR DELIVERY BY THE CHAIRMAN POLAD WHICH WE FIND ACCEPTABLE:

BEGIN TEXT. ON 7 APRIL YOU RAISED WITH THE CHAIRMAN ALLIED PROTOCOL OFFICER THE QUESTION OF TARIFFS FOR ALLIED MILITARY TRAINS. THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL THAT THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE REFERRED FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE REICHSBAHN AND THE BUNDESBahn; PROVIDED THAT:

(A) THE REICHSBAHN AND BUNDESBahn, WHO WILL ACT AS AGENTS OF THE FOUR POWERS, WILL HAVE NO MANDATE TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF PAYMENTS, OR IN THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH PAYMENTS ARE MADE.

(B) ANY UNDERSTANDING WHICH MAY BE REACHED BETWEEN THE REICHSBAHN AND THE BUNDESBahn WILL BE REFERRED TO THE FOUR POWES FOR APPROVAL. END TEXT.

4. IN DELIVERING THIS STATEMENT ALIES SHLULD MAKE THE POINT ORALLY THAT HEY WISH TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT GROUND RULES RELATING TO ALLIED PAYMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF ALLIED PASSENGER TRAINS. THESE RULES FORM PART OF THE COMPLEX QUADRIPARTITE CONFIDENTIAL

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INFRASTRUCTURE OF BERLIN AND IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO TAMPER WITH THEM. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS (E.G., SPANDAU AND THE BASC ACCOMMODATION IN THE ACA BUIDLING) WHERE THE SOVIETS ENJOY PHYSICAL FACILITIES FOR WHICH THEY PAY NOTHING. WE APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, THAT WHERE THERE HAS BEEN PAYMENT FOR ALLIED TRAINS (I.E., 40 PERCENT OF THE FREIGHT TRAIN COSTS) THERE IS SOME JUSTIFICATION FOR AN INCREASE.

5. WE SHOULD NOT SPECIFY AT THIS STAGE WHETHER THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR AN INCREASE WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A WRITTEN AGREEMENT, AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OR WHATEVER. THE IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR A QUADRIPARTITE DOCUMENT SUPERSEDING DTPT/MISC (46)283.

6. WITH RESPECT TO THE BONN GROUP REQUEST FOR SUGGESTED GUIDELINES TO USE WITH THE BUNDESBahn, WE CONCUR AGAIN IN THE PROPOSED BIRIISH WORDING; BEGIN TEXT.

(A) THE BUNDESBahn WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT "TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS" ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIES. (THEY SHOULD THEREFORE KEEP THE ALLIES FULLY INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS, NOR SHOULD THEY SIGN OR AGREE ANYTHING WITHOUT ALLIED AUTHORIZATION).

(B) THE BUNDESBahn ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ALTER THE EXISTING GROUND RULES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THESE TARIFFS. (E., ANY INCREASES WHICH MAY BE NEGOTIATED FOR ALLIED PASSENGER TRAINS WOULD NOT BE MADE OVER TO THE REICHSbahn. THE ONLY INCREASES WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE REICHSbahn IN PRACTICE WOULD BE 40PERCENT OF THOSE RELATING TO ALLIED FREIGHT TRAFFIC).

(C) WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK THE BUNDESBahn ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS REASONABLE INCREASES, USING THEIR PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT.

(D) ANY TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH MAY BE AGREED
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BETWEEN THE BUNDESBahn AND THE REICHSbahn MUST BE REFERRED TO THE FOUR POWERS FOR QUADRIPARTITE APPROVAL. END TEXT.

7. AS SOON AS WE HAVE BONN GROUP AGREEMENT, WE WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE ABOVE APPROACH. EMBASSY WILL BE AWARE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS SENDING THE MISSING DOCUMENT DPTP/MISC (46)283 (REF B), WHICH WE WILL HAVE ON HAND WHEN THE

APPROACH IS MADE.
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